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## MOLDED PLASTIC TOKENS

Previous articles have dealt with tokens made by a heat impression process. But as many of you know there were several series with raised letters made with molds, rather than slightly incuse legends. The legends for the molded tokens were the same color as the token plastic unlike those made by the heat-impression method. All had raised rims in like the others. So far there is no evidence that the english-language molded tokens were used in Puerto Rico and that the Spanish-language pieces were used anywhere else. Please note that the photograph quality in some cases is not high, so that illustrations may be somewhat dim.

### ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TOKENS

#### Personalized Plastics Company

##### 1. Raised Reverse, Flat Obverse (RRFO)

While not uncommon this token type was used to a considerably lesser degree than the LLSN and SLSN heat-impression types (see July 1981 issue of the newsletter for details of these). The obverse was made by the standard heat-impression method like the former two. They were more expensive, but the liklihood of wear in the legend was much less due to the protection afforded by the raised rim. Tokens were uniformly 29mm in diameter with a 2mm thick rim and were slightly flexible with a satin finish. The plastic color/denomination combinations were the same as the LLSN and SLSN varieties, that is 1¢-black, 5¢-green, 10¢-blue, 25¢-red and 50¢-pink. However one example of a 50¢-gold specimen has been examined from ROCKY'S/DRIVE IN/GROCERY in Seguin, Texas. The reverse legend is the standard one, that is:

FOOD STAMP CREDIT/ (numeral-of-value)¢/ IN ELIGIBLE FOODS



WALLACE ID



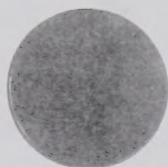
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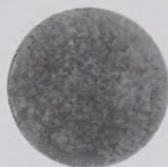


SEGUIN TX



The numeral "1" is 6mm tall with serifs. The "c" is 5mm tall and the crossbar bisects the "c". The numeral is in a faintly outlined 15.5mm circle which seems to be the result of an interchangeable section of the token mold. Apparently the numeral section could be interchanged with other numerals. Few of these reverses have been seen in which the numeral position is normal to that of the wording. A fertile field for future study will be the many varieties of rotated reverse numerals.

## 2. Raised Reverse, Raised Obverse (RRRO)



WICHITA KS



NEW YORK NY



NEW-LOCAL NY, VT



FREEHOLD NJ



LOCAL UNKNOWN

Similar in every respect to the RRFO is this type, except that the obverse is raised as well. There is no coloring of the legend. RRRO tokens were used even less than the above. Rumor has it that minimum orders for this type had to be in the thousands. Both RRFO and RRRO were probably made in the 1976-79 period. RRRO color/denomination combinations appear to be standard, although a white 1c token has been examined.

## Malo Plastics, Inc.

An FSC token maker new to most readers has recently been identified by L. Glen Parham, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia. In his search for more and new tokens he came upon the Ingles Markets of North Carolina and learned that at least the MALO-I below was made by the company mentioned. An address given for 1977 was 35045 Automation Drive, Mt. Clemens MI 48043 with a phone number of (313) 792-6200. Hopefully more can be learned about this company and readers near to the 1977 plant are encouraged to make contact and obtain more information about their production of FSC pieces.



Malo - I

This company's tokens seem to be less known than those of PPCo, but were apparently contemporary with them. Like the RRRO all legend is raised and uncolored. They are uniformly 27mm in diameter with a 1.5mm thick rim. They are slightly flexible, but brittle with a satin finish. The common reverse legend seems to be:

FOOD STAMP CREDIT/ (n.o.v.)¢/ TOKEN

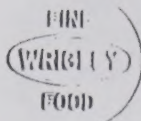
The numeral "1" is 7mm tall and sans-serif. The "¢" is 7mm tall and its crossbar does not bisect the "c". Like the RRFO and RRRO the numeral is in a faint circle, 16.5mm in diameter. The circle is sometimes raised and sometimes depressed, sometimes smooth or pebbled. Like the others there seems to be an interchangeable denomination mold, but unlike the PPCo series the dies do not seem to be rotated at all. Color/denomination combinations known so far are 1¢-light gray, 5¢-dark red, 10¢-medium blue and 25¢-yellow. Fifty-cent denomination tokens have not yet been examined.

Malo-II

Tokens of this variety seem to be of the same diameter as Malo-I, both sides with raised, uncolored legends. Unlike No. I they are inflexible and brittle. Specimens examined include a 1¢ and 5¢ with a satin finish and 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ pieces with a glossy finish. The reverse legend reads the same as those from PPCo. The numeral "1" is 7.5mm tall, sans-serif and the "¢" is only 5mm tall. Its line does not bisect the "c". The zeros seem to be more square than the other varieties. The faint circle on the reverse is sometimes plain, sometimes pebbled. Color/denomination combinations known are 1¢-black, 5¢-green, 10¢-blue, 25¢-red and 50¢ mottled brown.

Malo-III

MILWAUKEE WI

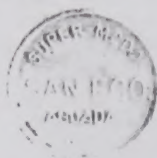


DETROIT MI



This variety is similar in most respects to Malo-II. The 1¢ token I have observed is flexible with a satin finish and the 10¢, 25¢, and 50¢ pieces are inflexible and glossy. The reverse legend is the same as that of PPCo. The "1" is 7.5mm tall, sans-serif, and the "¢" is 7mm tall. Zeros are more oval than those of Malo-II. Color/denomination combinations are 1¢-off-white, 5¢- (not examined), 10¢-blue, 25¢-red and 50¢ pink.

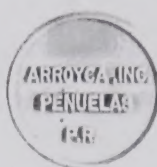
SPANISH-LANGUAGE TOKENS  
FICHAS DEL IDIOMA ESPAÑOL

Maker Unknown/ Fabricante Desconocido

AGUADA PR



HATO REY PR



PEÑUELAS PR



This style of token was probably used only in Puerto Rico and was probably made there. The tokens are usually 29mm in diameter and 2mm thick, although a 31mm diameter 10¢ token has been examined. The tokens are extremely flexible and virtually unbreakable. They have a semi-gloss finish. The reverse legend is similar to the PPCo "Alimentos" tokens as follows:

PROGRAMA DE ALIMENTOS/ (n.o.v.)¢/ PARA ALIMENTOS AUTORIZADOS

The numeral "1" is 9mm tall and the "¢" is 12.5mm tall with the line bisecting the "c". There are two varieties of the 50¢ tokens known: a) the "5" is 9.5mm tall and the "¢" is 12.5mm tall; and b) "5" is 5.5mm tall and the "¢" is 6.5mm tall. Color/denomination combinations known are 1¢- (not seen), 5¢-pale green, 10¢-pale blue, 25¢-yellow, 50¢(a)-black and 50¢(b)-gold. Out of 1000 Puerto Rico tokens surveyed there were only seven of this type in all denominations.



### New Subscribers

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FAJARDO, PR 00648  
FSC Interests: U.S. Virgin Is.  
Other: Cut and countermarked  
coins of the West Indies and  
West Indies Tokens

VIRGINIA KING  
RR#6, Road 650 W.  
COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725  
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Other: Dog and Cat Tax Tags;  
Indiana and Alaska Trade Tokens.

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### DATING PPCO - II



While rummaging through batches of FSC tokens I came upon this Michigan PPCo-LLSN piece dated 1976. This establishes pretty clear time periods for the several PPCo reverse varieties, as follows:

1972-74 LLRN and SLRN  
1975 SLSN  
1976-79 LLSN, RRFO, RRR0

Of course with most operations like this I suspect that one or the other designs were begun before or after any of those dates. Let me know what else you may know.

### PUERTO RICO AGAIN - II

July 6, 1982  
Humacao, Puerto Rico

Dear Jerry:

First of all, congratulations for your award from Numismatics International (for an article on PR FSC tokens). Well deserved!

In relation to Alon Jeffrey's information on the Food Stamp Program on the Island the coupons are being replaced by checks, which can be cashed anywhere and used for anything. The logic behind this, besides politics, is eliminating an extensive Black Market in Food Stamps. This month's recipients will receive a check. Thus, June was the last month for the Food Stamps, although merchants are allowed to accept them until July 31.

Best Regards,

Efraín Archilla-Diez

My main collecting interests are Transportation and INDIANA Trade Tokens and Moose Lodge pieces of all states and countries. Jack Smith, Box 26423, Lawrence IN 46226.

Sets of 5 plastic FSC tokens from U-SAV FOODS, MADISON, WI. Trade even for different tokens or \$2 postpaid. Len Roosmalen, 6801 University Av., Middleton WI 53562.

RHODE ISLAND Tokens of all types wanted. Describe and price to me. Have material for trades. S. Bertram Tabor, 50 North St. Cranston, RI 02920

ANA Museum looking for Food Stamp Change Coupons and Tokens. Do you have duplicates? Why not donate one or a set to the ANA Museum for posterity. Write ANA Museum, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

SAMPLE Change Tokens wanted. Also unusual sizes, shapes, colors & materials as TYPE tokens. Some trades available. Tom Conklin, P.O. Box 440, Rutherford NJ 07070. Some lists of Nevada gambling related and Video Game Amusement tokens available for a 20¢ stamp/ J.F.Schimmel, P.O. Box 40888, San Francisco, CA 94140.

# FOOD STAMP

NEW HAMPTON, ICWA



- (1) LIDDLE'S / SUPER VALU (logo) / NEW HAMPTON / IA

set of 5 (1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢) \$3.00  
individual pieces .75  
Obv. small SUPER VALU logo  
rev, solid color, Embossed letters

see  
above



- (2) LIDDLE'S / SUPER VALU (logo) / NEW HAMPTON / IA

set of 3 (1¢ 5¢ 10¢) (25¢ 50¢ not used) 2.00  
individual pieces .75  
Obv. small SUPER VALU logo  
rev. white printed letters



- (3) LIDDLE'S / SUPER VALU (logo) / NEW HAMPTON / IA

set of 5 (1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢) 2.50  
individual pieces .60  
Obv. large SUPER VALU logo  
Rev. white printed letters



OGDEN



- (1) WILLIAMS / FOOD / MARKET / OGDEN, IA.

full sets ( 5 tokens) \$3.50



OGDEN



- (2) WILLIAMS / FOODLAND (on white diamond) / OGDEN / IA

full sets ( 5 tokens) \$2.50



The availability of some sets are limited. I collect Iowa Food stamp tokens and trade tokens. Thus a trade for tokens I need; and don't have in my collection will take precedence.

Lewis K. Ferguson; 1605 Roosevelt Ave.; Ames, Iowa 50010



# CHANGE TOKENS

POCAHONTAS (Iowa)

FLYNN'S / By Lo / FOOD STORE (logo)

set of 5 ( 1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢ )

\$2.50



RICEVILLE\* (Iowa)

MA\$ON'S / FINE / FOOD\$ / RICEVILLE, IA.

set of 5 ( 1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢ )

\$2.50

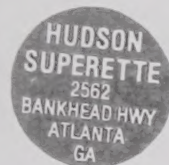


ATLANTA (Georgia)

HUDSON / SUPERETTE / 2526 / BANKHEAD HWY /  
ATLANTA / GA

set of 5 ( 1¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢ )

\$2.50



## FOOD STAMP CHANGE TOKENS & SCRIP

### A WHOLESALE LISTING

100 Different Food Stamp Tokens of different merchants, of plastic, aluminum, wood and from different makers (no full sets included)	\$30.00
500 Different tokens as above, but includes some complete sets from various states	125.00
1000 Different as above	250.00
2000 Different as above	500.00
100 Assorted Tokens	17.50
1000 Assorted Tokens	150.00
5000 Assorted Tokens	650.00
100 Different Food Stamp Scrip, all paper	15.00
200 Different as above	25.00
1000 Assorted Scrip	75.00

Samples of tokens and scrip free for 28¢ SASE!

All orders postpaid to street address (for U.P.S. delivery).

PAUL A. CUNNINGHAM  
BOX ONE  
TECUMSEH, MI 49286

ODON, IN - Red & White Quality.  
Three piece plastic PPCo set  
1¢, 5¢, 10¢ - \$1.50 postpaid. All  
25¢ destroyed, 50¢ not used by  
store. Lloyd E. Wagaman, Route  
1, Box 195-D, Camby IN 46113.

FOR SALE TWO 1982 NEBRASKA BOOKS  
- TRADE TOKEN TOWN RARITY LIST  
- \$5.00 and 3,400 PLACE NAMES  
- \$7.50, both postpaid - will  
trade for tokens - Geo. Hosek,  
7411 Idledale, Omaha NE 68112.

WANTED: Food Stamp Change Tokens  
from FLORIDA, ALABAMA and GEORGIA  
I have tokens from these states  
for trade. C.R. Clark, P.O. Box  
13331, St. Petersburg FL 33733.

Wanted U.S. VIRGIN IS. FSC Tokens  
for collection. Do not need in  
quantity or bulk. Also interest-  
ed in other WEST INDIAN tokens.  
K.V. Eckardt, Box 653, Fajardo,  
PR 00648.

Wanted: INDIANA and ALASKA tokens  
with state and town printed on  
token. Dog Tax Tags my choice -  
9 for \$2.00 plus SAE with 37¢ in  
stamps. Virginia King, R.6, Rd.  
650 W., Columbia City IN 46725.

Wanted: FLORIDA FST. Will trade  
other FLORIDA FST. Also collect  
FL merchants tokens and have  
traders from FL and other states.  
Edw. R. Joyce, 5552 Riverton Rd.  
Jacksonville FL 32211.

Does anyone have any unreported  
KANSAS FSC Tokens? I'm also cata-  
loguing Sport Schedule Tokens and  
would appreciate knowing of any  
issues from your state. J.W.  
Baum, 3101 N. Arkansas Av. Wichita  
KS 76204.

I collect Food Stamp Items with  
the words "milk" or "dairy" on  
them as part of my collection of  
such trade tokens. I have a few  
other FSC tokens to trade. Melvin  
Reiter, 6482 Newton Rd., East  
Lansing MI 48823.

Have many hundreds of tokens for  
trade or sale. Send your want  
lists of items you need. I need  
tokens from my collecting list.  
Bill Coleman, P.O. Box 905,  
Richland WA 99352.

Wanted PUERTO RICO, GUAM, VIRGIN  
ISLANDS. Have more than 200 diff.  
tokens from PUERTO RICO to trade  
or sell. Jose B. Andreu, P.O. Box  
22845, UPR Sta., Rio Piedras PR  
00931.

Wanted: Encased Postage Stamps,  
Postal Money Orders, Postal Re-  
ply Coupons, Traveller's Checks  
- worldwide. Paul T. Jung, 2809  
Linden Ln., Silver Spring MD  
20910.

TEXAS - Brazoria County items  
needed for collection and cata-  
loguing effort (or reports of  
their existence). Also collect  
Texas Numismatic items - all  
sorts. Ronny Livingston, 229  
Caladium, Lake Jackson TX 77566.

WANTED! WANTED!

Food Stamp Credit Tokens from  
MICHIGAN AND WEST VIRGINIA. Steve  
Penzes, 9312 W. Fort St., Detroit  
MI 48209/

Wanted: OLD ANIMAL LICENSES any  
state. Have large trading stock  
in tokens and other collectables  
and Dog Tags. Will buy one or  
complete collection of all types  
of exonomia. Galy Welty, 8410  
W. 108th Av. Broomfield, CO 80020  
SASE for my list of FSC tokens  
for trade or sale. Some full  
rolls. Or send any number of dif-  
ferent FSC tokens receive like  
number from me. Alon Jeffrey,  
366 Behm Drive, Grayslake IL 60030  
Small town U.S.A. and CANADA POST  
CARDS wanted. - pre-linens, exter-  
iors, interiors, real photos, main  
streets clearly showing BANKS!  
(none over 5 stories). Send on  
approval. Tom Conklin, Box 440  
Rutherford NJ 07070.

Wanted NEBRASKA Exonomia and Biz  
Directories. Have good stock of  
traders from IA, MN, SD, KS, MO,  
CA, IL and NE and others. Geo.  
Hosek, 7411 Idledale Ln., Omaha  
NE 68112.

FSC Tokens wanted, esp. MINNESOTA  
Trades are available. Also seek  
FS scrip, any other tokens, medals  
wood money (esp. MN), coins, stamps  
paper money, seals. Grade tokens  
please! Marshal Bieniasz, 308  
S. Main, Aurora MN 55705.

PEDRO'S, AGANA, GUAM! - 1, 5, 10,  
25 & 50¢ plastic FSC Tokens -  
\$3.50 per set postpaid. Will also  
trade for FSC Tokens from AZ, ID,  
NV, OK, DC & VI. Al Zaika, P.O.  
Box Bellmawr NJ 08031.

Wanted! FLORIDA FSC and other mer-  
chant tokens. Have traders or  
will buy. N.R. Mack, P.O. Box  
395, Goose Creek SC 29445.